

- Releasing God's life



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The living God

and the Transformation Theology in NCD





Transformation Theology

- Defined

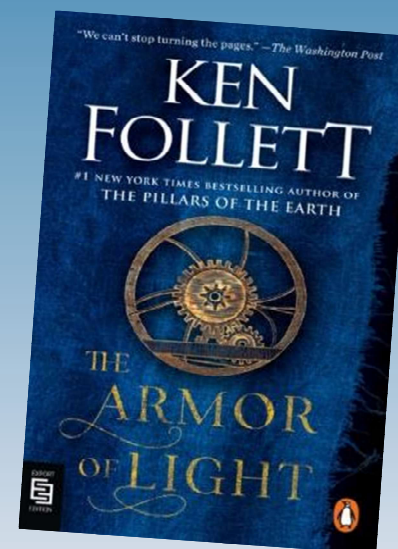
A theological approach rooted in the conviction that the **Kingdom of God is breaking into the world**, bringing renewal and transformation wherever God's life-giving presence is received and expressed.

Believers are invited to participate as **co-workers (synergoi)** with God in His ongoing work of restoration and renewal.

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«So then let us cast off the works of
darkness and put on **the armor of light.**»

Rom. 13,12 (last part)





Synergy

- The Cooperation between God and People

«Synergy, the cooperation of God and men, is neither a symmetrical relation nor one in which the divine overpowers and replaces the human. It is rather one in which the human becomes fully human by embracing the divine.»

David Bradshaw, orthodox philosopher
(The Concept of the Divine Energies)



God in Us

- Biblical Imagery of Symbiosis

The body of Christ

God's presence embodied in our heads, hearts, and hands

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Cor 12:27



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Breath

God's breath (pneuma) giving life

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John. 20:22-23





God in Us

- Biblical Expressions of Participation

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Water

God's living water flowing from the spring

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

John 7:37-38



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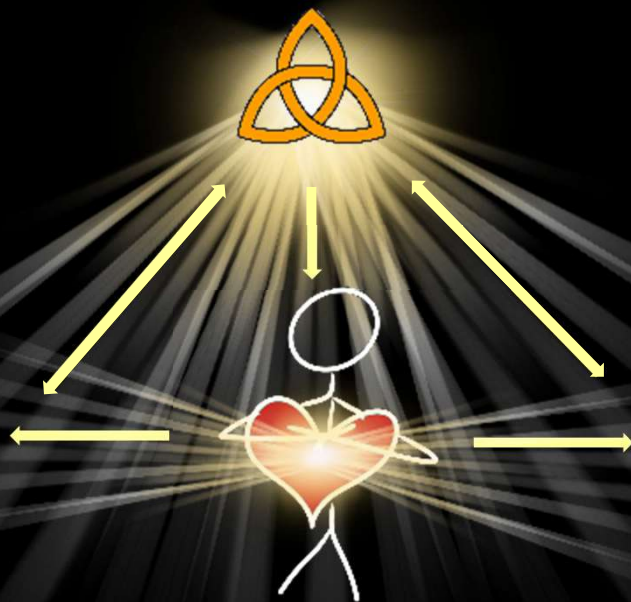
God's light shining in our hearts

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Energy

God's life energizing us

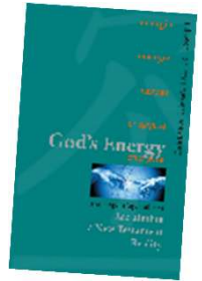
Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power that is energized in us,

Eph. 3:20



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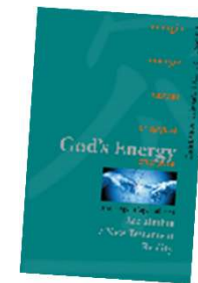
The biblical concept of synergy

The energy paradigm is key to understanding the relationship between God's work and human activity.

Christian A. Schwarz (God's Energy, volume 1)

Energy, a key concept in the NT

- But still largely undiscovered



Noun:

Energy, *enérgeia* (ἐνέργεια) or *enérgema* (ἐνέργημα) **10X**

Adjective:

Energy-filled, *energés* (ἐνεργής) **3X**

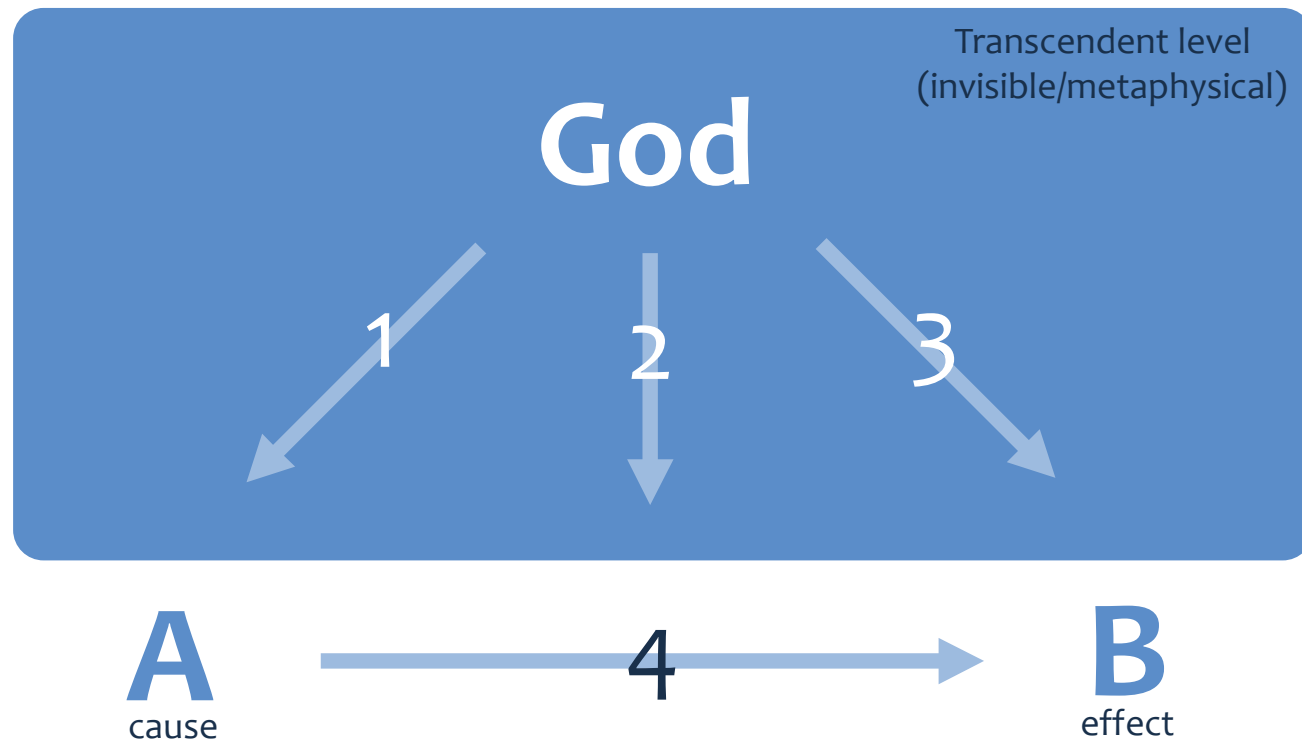
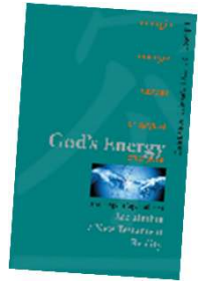
Verb:

To energize, *energéo* (ἐνεργέω) **21X**



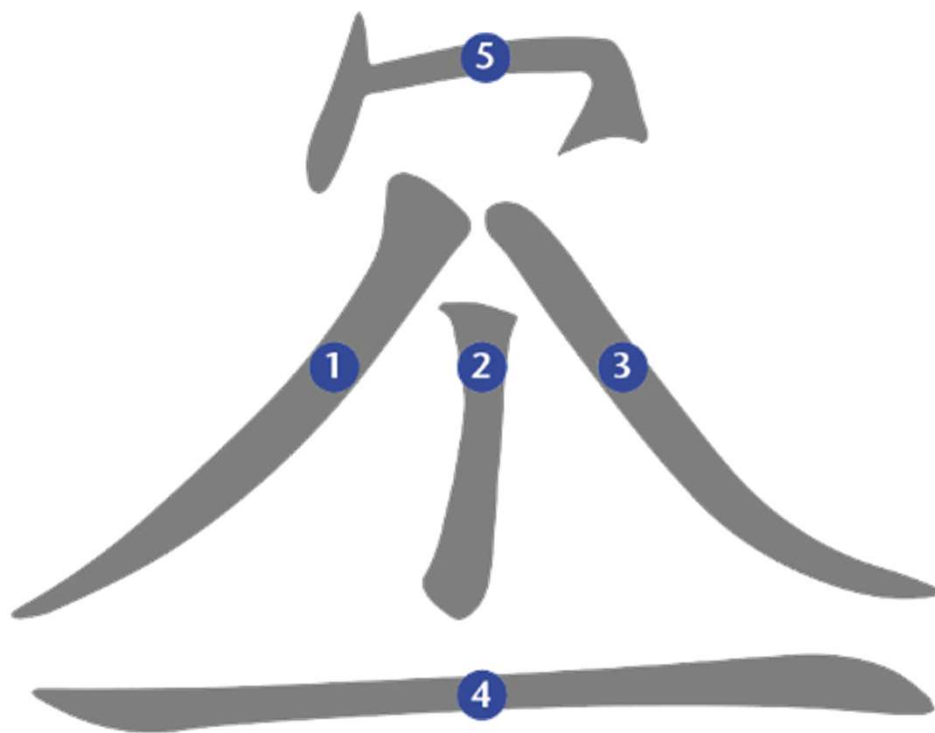
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Synergy

- Colossians 1:29

For which I also labor, striving according to his energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: working) which is being energized (KJV: works) in me mightily.



Synergy

- Philippians 2:13

For it is God who is the energizer (ἐνεργῶν | energón | KJV: who works)
in you both to will and to energize (ἐνεργεῖν | energeín | KJV: to do)
in order to fulfill his good pleasure.



Synergy

- Ephesians 4:16

From whom the whole body being fitly joined together and knit together by that which every joint supplies, according to the energy (ἐνέργειαν | enérgeian | KJV: effectual working) in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the building up (KJV: edifying) of itself in love.

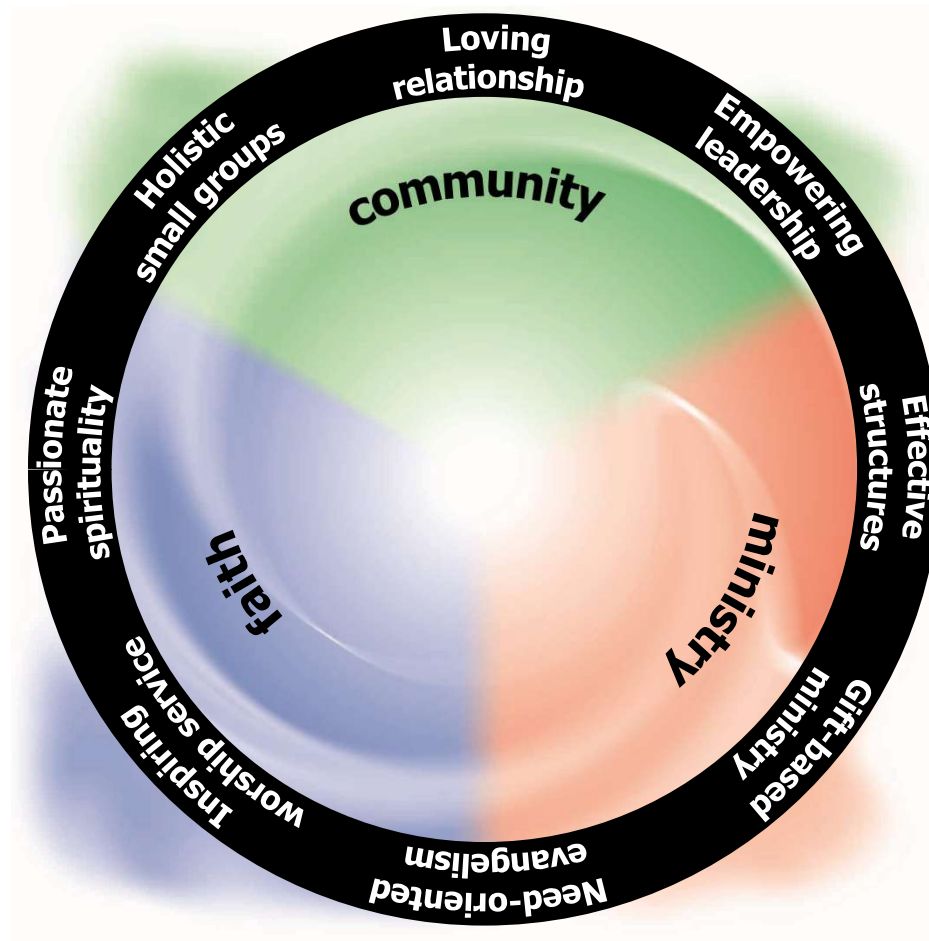
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The Transformational Theology

- In NCD





To Discover and Use Gods Gifts

- Gift-based ministry



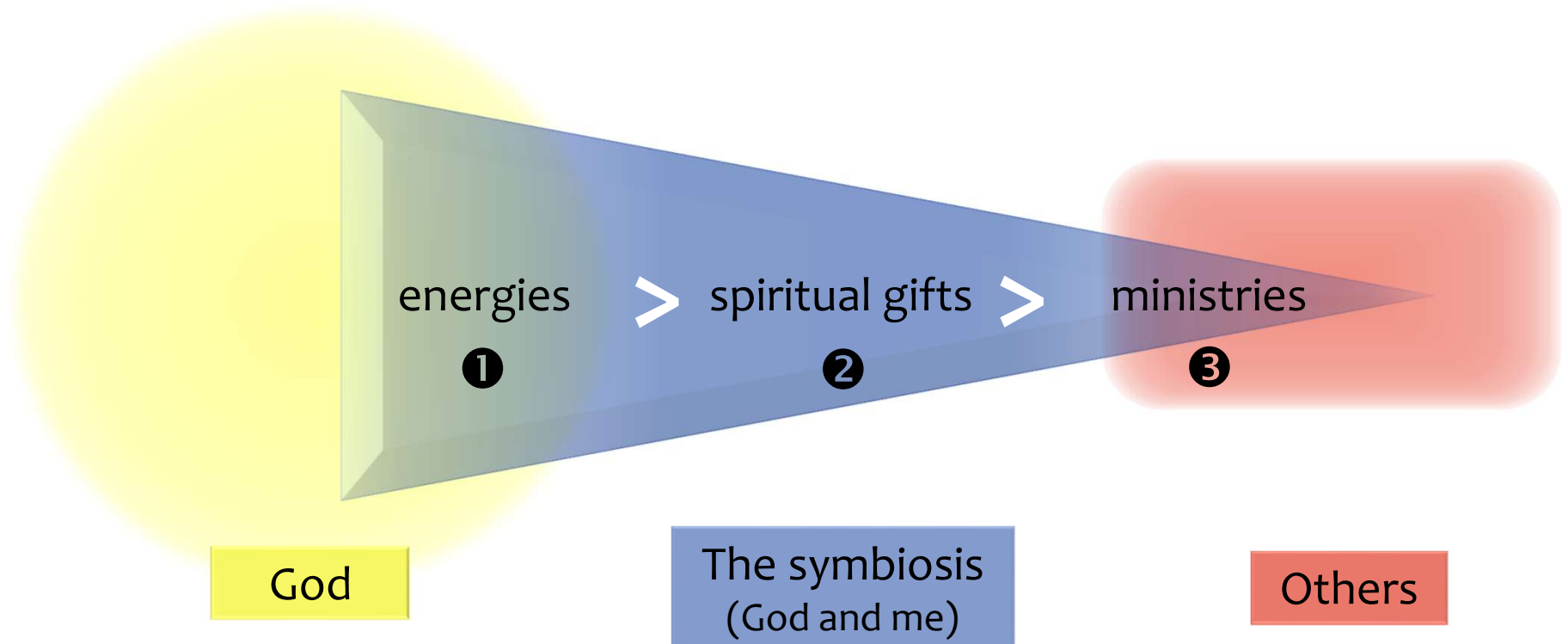
<i>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them</i>	Spirit → gifts	power
<i>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.</i>	Jesus → service	commitment
<i>There are different kinds of energies, but the same God.</i>	Creator → energies	wisdom

... but the same God who **energizes** all in all.

1 Cor. 12:4-6

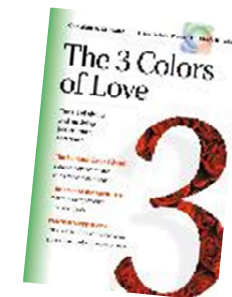
The Symbiosis of Discipleship

- Gift-based ministry



The Armor of Light

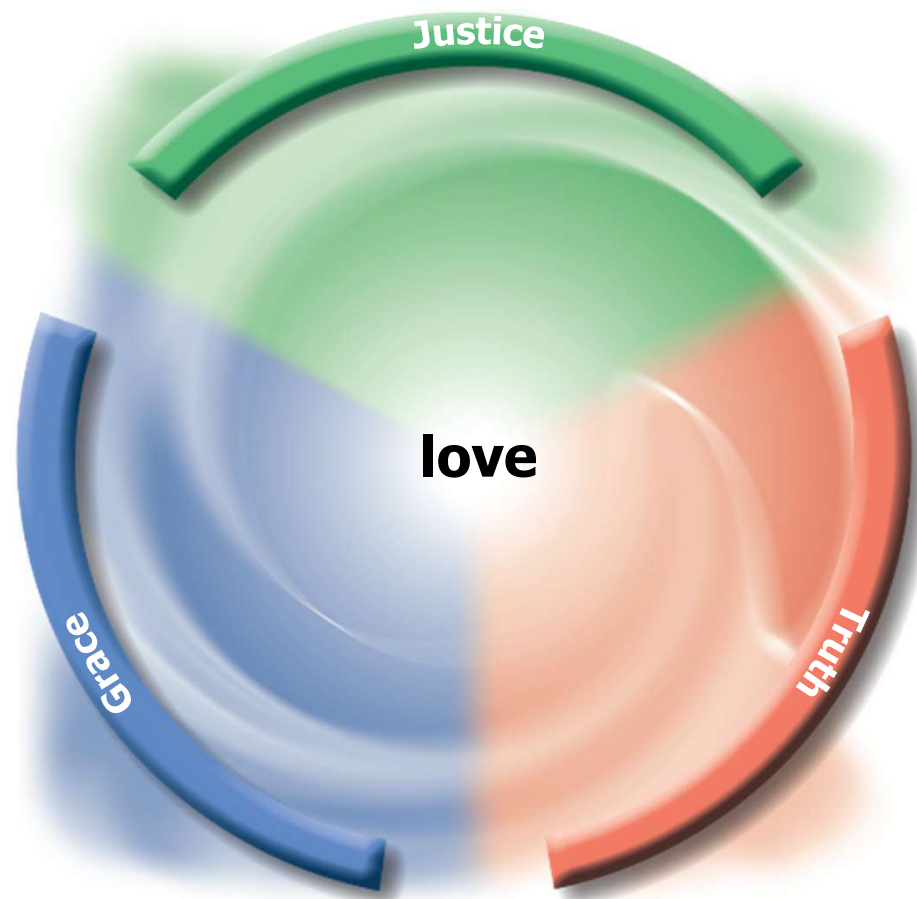
- The fruits of the Spirit and loving relationship



God is love

Anyone who does not love
does not know God,
because **God is love.**

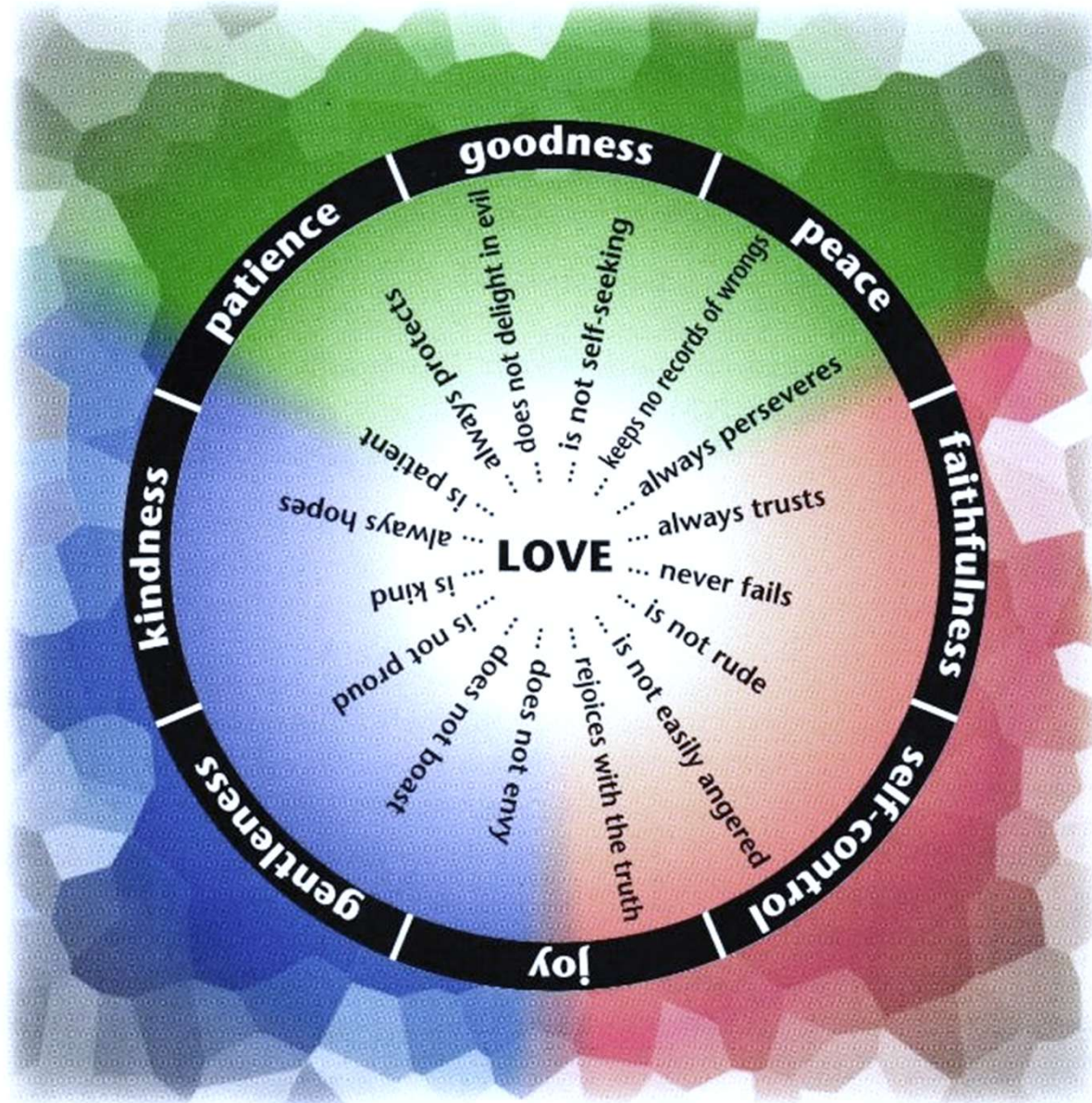
1 John. 4:8



God is light

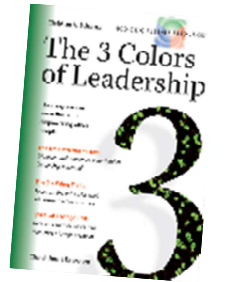
This is the message we
have heard from him
and proclaim to you,
that **God is light**, and in
him is no darkness at all.

1 John. 1:5



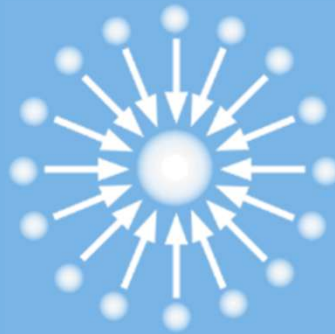
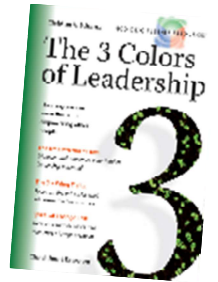
Leaders Who Release and Transform Energy

- Empowering leadership



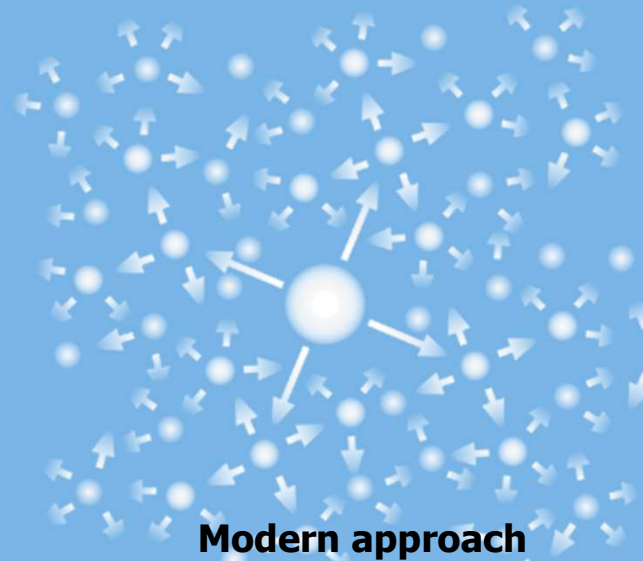
Leaders Who Give Freedom and Transform Energy

- Empowering leadership



"traditional approach"

Followers as helpers
of the leader.



Modern approach

Empowering leadership
resulting in ongoing leadership
multiplication.

Leaders Who Give New Life

- Empowering leadership

*The church needs leaders who reflect
the life-giving side of God's nature.
Leaders who are not dependent on
draining the life out of those around them,
who do not exhaust the people around them,
who do not burn you out.*

*Instead, leaders who give life to people,
build them up, bring healing, and create new strength.*

Hans Johan Sagrusten

:*) see also Philippians 2,13 

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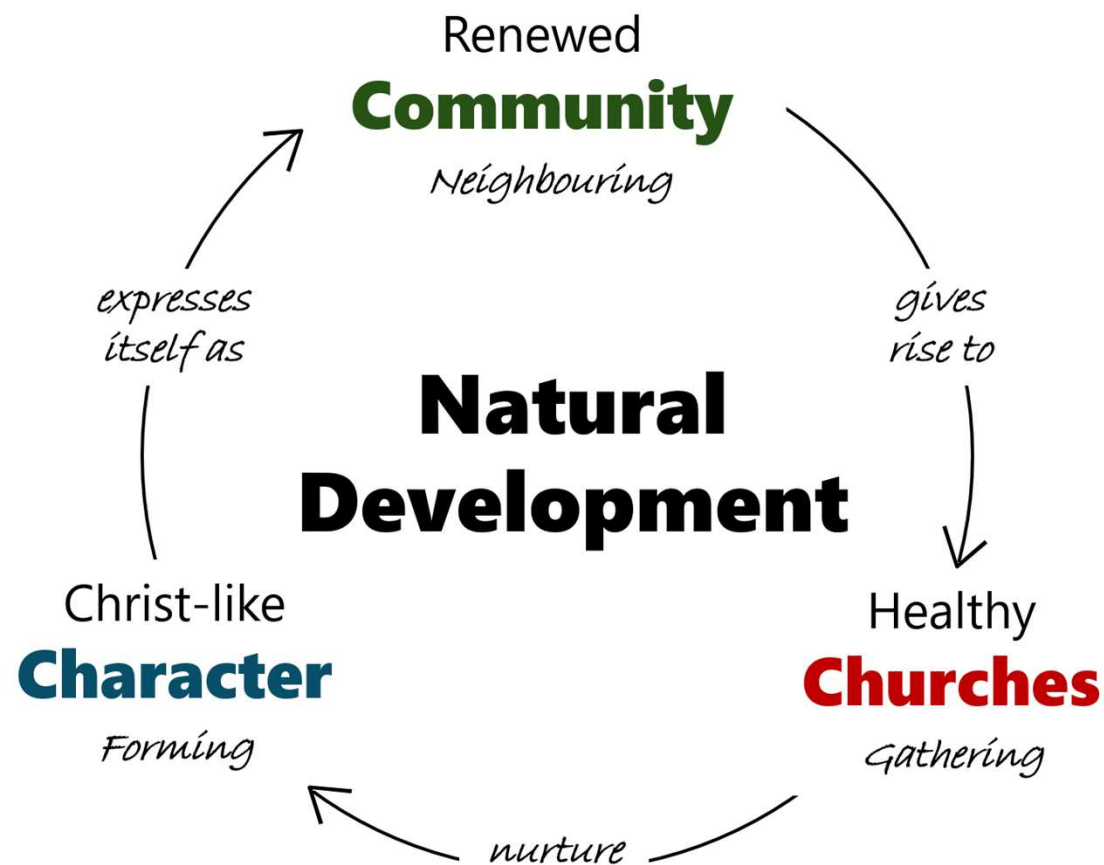
To what extent does leadership contribute to:

- empowering new leaders at all levels?
- strengthening people's freedom, maturity, and sense of responsibility?
- realising the visions and gifts that God has given each person and the congregation?



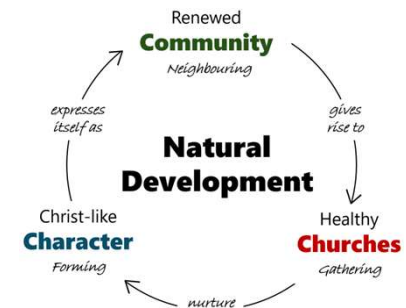
The Living Cycle of Transformation

- The Way of True Life



Transformed

- by The Holy Spirit



But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **And we all**, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Cor 3:16-18



- *Life, when aligned with its source, grows.*



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